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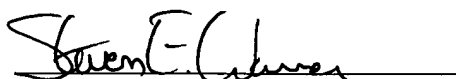
Applicants request favorable consideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 20-22, 26-32, 37 and 40-57 are presented for consideration. Claims 20, 26-31, 37, 40-42, 46, 48-50, 52, 54 and 56 are independent. Claims 50 and 52 have been amended to clarify features of the invention, while claims 54-57 have been added to recite additional features of the subject invention. Support for these changes and these claims can be found in the original application, as filed. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

Claims 20-22, 26-32, 37 and 40-53 were previously allowed in this application. Applicants submit that the changes to claims 50 and 52 do not affect the allowability of these claims so that those claims should remain allowable. In addition, Applicants submit that claims 54-57 patentably define features of the exposure apparatus of the present invention. Applicants further submit, therefore, that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and an early passage to issue are requested.

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